

ALUMNI WEEKEND

A background photograph of a campus scene featuring a large green lawn, several tall trees with autumn-colored foliage, and a multi-story brick building in the distance under a clear sky.

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Welcome

to Alumni Weekend

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

Welcome to the 2015 Auburn Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend. We are so glad that you have taken the opportunity to join us in celebrating the history of the academy as lived through individuals like you. There is no doubt that through the life's work and ministry of the Auburn alumni, the fruits of this campus have left an indelible mark in our world. And yet it is to the world yet to come that we devote our greatest hope!

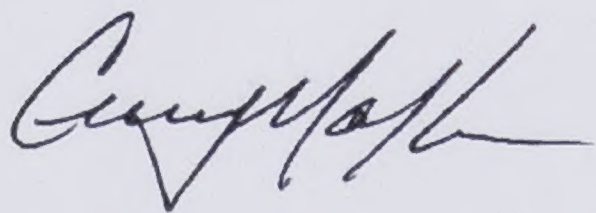
Serving as alumni president for these past three years has been a joy. This responsibility has afforded me the opportunity to network with several fellow alum and has brought many welcomed visits to the beautiful campus that I so fondly remember from my youth.

However, the greatest joy has come in getting to know the current students of Auburn Adventist Academy. It has left no doubt in my mind that this generation of Auburn Academy students will continue a prestigious alumni legacy, changing the world in ways that we can but imagine.

As you well know, this is a moment in time in which the Academy needs our prayers. I want to challenge the alumni to join together and begin a season of prayer for Auburn Academy. Recent events have shown that the Academy is not immune to current trends that see families moving away from boarding school options. However, I have found great hope in the passion I have seen from people who love the school and want to see it thrive. There is great momentum in the newly formed Growth and Development Committee and, this weekend you will have an opportunity to learn more about their exciting work.

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers for Auburn, and I hope your weekend will be filled with warm fellowship, fond memories, and prayer.

God bless,



Craig Mattson
Auburn Adventist Academy
Alumni President

The Weekend

at a Glance

Thursday • April 30

6:30pm Alumni Banquet Rudolph Hall (Cafe)

Friday • May 1

7:30am Alumni Golf Tournament Auburn City Golf Course

4:00pm Alumni Registration Begins AAA Church

7:30pm Alumni Vespers AAA Church

Sabbath • May 2

9:30am Sabbath School Rainier Auditorium

10:45am Worship Service Rainier Auditorium

12:30pm Alumni Sabbath Lunch Rainier Auditorium

2:00pm Reunion Class Group Photos Rainier Auditorium

2:00pm Class Reunions Various Locations

6:00pm Sabbath Vespers AAA Church

8:45pm Alumni Basketball Tournament Rainier Auditorium

Alumni Banquet

Thursday • Rudolph Hall (Cafe) • 6:30pm

Prelude.....AAA Piano Students

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Craig Mattson, '97
2015 Alumni Association President

Dismiss to Buffet Tables / AAA Piano Students

State of the School Address.....Tom Decker
AAA Principal

Saxophone Quartet.....Musical Selections

AAA Student Testimonies.....Brittney Dias, '17, Greg Epperson, '15
Charlie Fletcher, '15, Esther Taylor, '17

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients.....Laura (Kegley) Worf, '78
AAA VP of Finance

Alumnus of the Year.....Anita (Bain) Jepson, '77
Presented by Craig Mattson, '97

Growth and Development Committee Presentation.....Greg Gratias

Closing Prayer.....Tom Decker
AAA Principal

Golf Tournament

Friday • Auburn City Golf Course • 7:30am

7:30am Shotgun Start

\$100/person
(includes green fees, a golf cart, lunch, and great prizes)

Hole-in-One Prize, 16th hole, win a car

Longest Drive (Men's and Women's)

Closest to the Pin (all Par 3's)

Low Gross Team Score (overall – 1st through 3rd places)

Team Photos (emailed in download format)

Additional raffle prizes available

For more information, contact Jeremy Vandenkoer at 253.939.5000
or jeremy.vandenkoer@auburn.org

All proceeds from the tournament go to our AAA Athletic Department.

Alumni Registration

Friday • AAA Church • 4:00pm

Honor classes are invited to register for the weekend beginning Friday, May 1, at 4:00pm. Look for a sign indicating your graduation year in the foyer of the Auburn Adventist Academy Church.

This is the perfect time to look through old yearbooks, talk with friends, and get reacquainted with classmates. Registration will continue until vespers at 7:30pm and resume Sabbath morning outside of Rainier Auditorium at 9:00am through Sabbath School and Church.

Alumni Vespers

Class of 1965

Friday • AAA Church • 7:30pm

Prelude Anita (Long) Mehl

Welcome..... Ron Fridlund
1965 Class President

Prayer Nancy (Barnes) Lamoureaux

Mixed Vocal Quartet..... "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Message Don Haas

Prayer..... Tom Decker
AAA Principal

Sabbath School

Saturday • Rainier Auditorium • 9:30am

Welcome & Prayer Pastor Bill Roberts '84

Songs of Praise Emily Ellis '16 & Friends

Special Feature 2015 Mission Trip
Pastor Jay Coon '84 & AAA Students

Offering..... AAA Mission Trips

Closing Prayer..... Pastor Jay Coon '84

Worship Service

Class of 1985

Saturday • Rainier Auditorium • 10:45am

Prelude Selections Wind Ensemble
Stephanie (Schayes) Coon

Welcome Craig Mattson
2015 Alumni Association President

Praise Him..... Diane (Jordan) Brown, Tammy (Fowler) Stewart,
Susan (Martin) Bautista, Lili (Meafou) Taatiti & Dan James

Opening Prayer Heidi (Von Bergen) Barrett

Roll Call Dan Scheffler, Judi (Zaugg) Zaugg-Sanderson,
Michelle (Bredeson) Boyle

Sylvan Chorale Musical Selections

Giving Back..... Craig Mattson, *2015 AAA Alumni President*; Tom Allen, *AAA Staff*;
and John Freedman, *President of the WA Conference of SDA*

Offertory Lili (Meafou) Taatiti & Tepora Taatiti Tuilau

Scripture..... Gregory Ringering

Message "A Picnic in Heaven"..... Greg Ringering

Choral Response..... "Make Me an Instrument"...Sylvan Chorale Past & Present

Benediction Tom Decker
AAA Principal

Postlude Stephanie (Schayes) Coon

General Information

Sabbath Lunch (All Welcome)

Rainier Auditorium

Sabbath lunch will be served in the back of Rainier Auditorium immediately following the worship service. Join us for a delicious meal catered by our Academy Cafeteria team. A donation of \$8 per person is suggested.

Reunion Class Group Photos

For a lasting memory, take the opportunity to join your classmates and smile through a photo shoot by Gill Bahnsen. Pictures will be taken during lunchtime in Rainier Auditorium. Photos are \$20 each. Reunion photos may be ordered through Gill Bahnsen. Contact Gill by phone at 800.383.3644 or by email at gill@white-pebble.com.

Photo Release

Throughout the weekend, photographers will be snapping pictures. Please understand that any photos taken during Alumni Weekend may be used in future publications or for promotional use.

Alumni Update

Please update your contact information by filling out the Alumni Contact Information Update Form available at various locations throughout the weekend. Return the postcard-sized form to any of the designated baskets around campus. An online version of our Alumni Contact Information Update Form is available on our home page at www.auburnacademy.org. Just click on the link.

Reunion Locations

Saturday • Various Locations • 2:00pm

Class Reunions

Various Locations

2:00pm

Honor classes meet in various locations around campus (or at a pre-arranged location off campus) for class reunions. A list of locations is found below.

Fowler Family	Administration Building Room 7
Romeo's Kids.....	Administration Building Room 2
Class of 1940	Littlejohn Hall Room 102
Class of 1945.....	Littlejohn Hall Room 103
Class of 1950.....	Kirkman House
	3625 Academy DR. SE,
	Auburn, WA 98092
Class of 1955.....	Witzel Hall
Class of 1960	Administration Building Room 11
Class of 1965.....	Rudolph Hall (cafe)
Class of 1970.....	Administration Building Room 19
Class of 1975.....	Fireside Room (AAA Church)
Class of 1980	Administration Building Room 21
Class of 1985.....	Administration Building Room 14/16
Class of 1990	Library
Class of 1995.....	Dower Auditorium
Class of 2000.....	Littlejohn Hall Room 104
Class of 2005.....	Administration Building Room 20
Class of 2010	Choir Room
Class of 2014.....	Gazebo
All other Alumni.....	Grace Hall (girls' dorm)

Sabbath Vespers

Class of 1975

Saturday • AAA Church • 6:00pm

Prelude..... AAA Piano Students

Welcome Class of 1975

Prayer Class of 1975

Special Music..... Geneva Lopez Martin

Special Music..... Class of 1975

Message..... Bruce Justinen

Prayer Lauren Meharry

Postlude

Alumni Basketball Tournament

Saturday • Rainier Auditorium • 8:45pm

Alumni and varsity teams square off in friendly
tournament rounds.



Vision for Growth

Seven Keys for Auburn Adventist Academy's Future

As Auburn Adventist Academy marks its 95th year, the school faces a series of challenges that must be addressed to secure a sustainable and vibrant future.

The Board of Trustees and staff representatives met over eight weeks for four key sessions to frame the issues, define vision drivers, draft a vision, and finalize the vision to set the school on a solid course for long-term sustainability. This vision takes seriously the challenges we face and the opportunities that are present at this unique moment in our history.

We believe Spirit-led strategic planning allows us to be stewards of God's school as we develop a strategic plan to achieve our mission as a discipling school for Adventist young people.

1. *A Vision for Excellence*

Our brand promise is to provide an excellent, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist educational experience that prepares the whole person for success in college, life and eternity. Our vision is to educate students to fulfill their God-given potential academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

2. *A Reinvigorated Teaching Staff*

Our vision is built on a teaching staff that is qualified, experienced and motivated to deliver an outstanding curriculum with excellence.

3. *Stability, Experience and Innovation in Leadership*

Our vision requires leadership excellence and a governing structure that supports and facilitates the success of the vision.

4. *A Christ-Centered Culture of Open Communication, Mutual Support and Trust at all Levels*

Our vision is for a school environment to be permeated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This will be evidenced by high levels of trust, genuine support, encouragement, and clear communication in all directions.

5. *An Intentional Marketing, Recruiting and Customer Relations Program*

To achieve our vision, we will complete a rebranding process focused on our vision elements to serve as a foundation for a marketing, communications and recruiting program.

6. *A Short and Long-Term Financial Plan*

A short and long-term financial plan will demonstrate the ability of the school to operate in the black with a boarding component. Our vision will be supported by a 24-month transition financial plan to fund the turn-around.

7. *A Facility Master Plan that Supports the Vision*

We will develop a facility master plan that best supports the vision.

We believe that this vision is compelling and worthy of our whole-hearted commitment. Most important, we believe this will provide a path to a stable future that will enable us to prepare young people to know God and transform their community as disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Please join us as we work together to grow Auburn Adventist Academy. — AAA Board of Trustees



Alumnus Of The Year

Anita (Bain) Jepson



Anita Jepson graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy in 1977. Soon after graduating, Anita married Barry Jepson and settled in the Kirkland area. Fast forward to 2004, when inspired by the Lord, Anita began working closely with the Maasai Mara. The Maasai Mara are a large nomadic people group inhabiting southern Kenya and areas of Tanzania and they are open to receiving the gospel. Recognizing the need for spiritual support, Anita founded the Mara Vision Outreach organization, with a Seventh-day Adventist outreach organization focused on building churches, supporting lay pastors, and spreading the Word on the Maasai Mara in Kenya. In 2012, Mara Vision Outreach formally adopted a non-profit status. Today Mara Vision has nine full time teachers and eight full time pastors on staff with plenty of demand for growth.

Last year, through the help of Mara Vision Outreach, the first ever camp meeting was held in the Maasai Mara with over 1000 people in attendance. Anita was astonished when representatives from the East Africa Union arrived and filmed a mission spotlight that was seen by Adventist congregations around the world. Even more astonishing to Anita was the part the Kenyan government played in the camp meeting event. Taking the main stage, the Kenyan government officially endorsed the work of Mara Vision Outreach and officially asked Anita's organization to provide bible teachers in 50 of Kenya's schools.

Anita reported that "All of this is thanks to the Lord. I just turned everything over to Him and that is when it really took off." More recently John Freedman, the president of the Washington Conference, has invited Anita to share her journey during the Washington Conference Camp Meeting event on June 20. Please take time to visit the Mara Vision Facebook page, and remember to "like" it while you are there. You can also visit the Mara Vision website at www.maravisionoutreach.org



Thank you for participating in Alumni Weekend 2015! We appreciate the time you spent on campus and the talents you shared!

**Join us for Alumni Weekend next year on May 5 - 7 2016.
Look for more information as we get closer to next year's
Alumni Weekend at www.auburnacademy.org.**